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Dear Dr. Antal Nemeth:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service conducted an on-site audit of Hungary's meat inspection system from February 12, 2002 through February 28, 2002. Enclosed is a copy of the final audit report dated August 5, 2002. Comments by Hungary on the draft final audit report have been included as Attachment "G" of the final audit report.

FSIS has carefully reviewed the assurances provided by Hungary at the Exit Conference in Budapest on February 28, 2002 and the comments contained in your May 30, 2002 response to the draft final audit report. We appreciate your commitment to correct all of the deficiencies found during the audit.

If you have any questions relative to the recent audit or this letter, or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. My telephone number is (202) 720-3781, my fax number is (202) 690-4040, and my email address is sally.stratmoen@fsis.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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